

Regulation 5148.3: Preschool/Early Childhood Education

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When approved by the California Department of Education (CDE) under the California State Preschool Program, the district may operate one or more part-day preschool programs in accordance with law and the terms of the state contract.

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.1 - Child Care Services for Parenting Students)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

Eligibility

Children eligible for the district's preschool program include those who will have their third or fourth birthday on or before October 1 of the 2013-14 fiscal year or September 1 of each fiscal year thereafter. (Education Code 8208, 8235, 8236)

(cf. 5111 - Admission)

(cf. 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten)

Enrollment Priorities

The Superintendent or designee shall refer to the county's centralized eligibility list to identify children in need of services.

First priority for enrollment in a preschool program shall be given to neglected or abused children who are recipients of child protective services or who are at risk of being neglected, abused, or exploited, upon written referral from a legal, medical, or social service agency. If unable to enroll a child in this category, the district shall refer the child's parent/guardian to local resource and referral services so that services for the child can be located. (Education Code 8236)

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

After all such children are enrolled, the district shall give priority to eligible children age 4 years prior to enrolling eligible children age 3 years. (Education Code 8236)

After enrolling all eligible children who meet the criteria for subsidized services as specified in the section entitled "Fees and Charges" below, up to 10 percent of the program's enrollment, calculated throughout the entire contract, may be filled with children whose family income is no more than 15 percent above the income eligibility threshold. (Education Code 8235)

The district may certify eligibility and enrollment up to 120 calendar days prior to the first day of the beginning of the preschool year. After establishing eligibility at the time of initial enrollment, a child shall remain eligible for the remainder of the program year. (Education Code 8237)

When necessary due to a reduction in state reimbursements, families shall be disenrolled in the following order: (Education Code 8236, 8263.3)

1. Children age 3 years whose families have the highest income in relation to family size shall be disenrolled first, followed by children age 4 years whose families have the highest income in relation to family size.

At each age level, if two or more families have the same income ranking, the child with disabilities shall be disenrolled last. If there are no families that have a child with disabilities, the child who has received services the longest shall be disenrolled first.

2. Families of children age 3 or 4 years who are receiving child protective services or who have been documented to be at risk of being neglected, abused, or exploited, regardless of income, shall be disenrolled last.

Minimum Hours/Days of Operation

The district's part-day preschool program shall operate a minimum of three hours per day, excluding time for home-to-school transportation, and for a minimum of 175 days per year unless otherwise specified in the program's contract. (Education Code 8235)
(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)
(cf. 6112 - School Day)

Wraparound Child Care Services

In accordance with its contract with the CDE, the district may offer full-day services to meet the needs of eligible families through a combination of part-day preschool and wraparound child care services that are offered for the remaining portion of the day or year following completion of the preschool services. Child care and development services offered through this program shall meet the requirements of general child care and development programs pursuant to Education Code 8240-8244. (Education Code 8239)

Wraparound services shall operate a minimum of 246 days per year unless otherwise specified in the contract. For this period of time, part-day preschool programs shall operate 175-180 days and general child care and development programs may operate a full day for

the remainder of the year after the completion of the preschool program. (Education Code 8239)

Family Literacy Services

When any district preschool program receives funding for family literacy services pursuant to Education Code 8238.4, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate the provision of: (Education Code 8238)

1. Opportunities for parents/guardians to work with their children on interactive literacy activities, including activities in which parents/guardians actively participate in facilitating their children's acquisition of prereading skills through guided activities such as shared reading, learning the alphabet, and basic vocabulary development

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

2. Parenting education for parents/guardians of participating children to support their children's development of literacy skills, including, but not limited to, parent education in:

- a. Providing support for the educational growth and success of their children
- b. Improving parent-school communications and parental understanding of school structures and expectations
- c. Becoming active partners with teachers in the education of their children

3. Referrals to providers of adult education and instruction in English as a second language as necessary to improve parents/guardians' academic skills

(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

4. Staff development for teachers in participating classrooms that includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Development of a pedagogical knowledge, including, but not limited to, improved instructional strategies
- b. Knowledge and application of developmentally appropriate assessments of the prereading skills of children in participating classrooms
- c. Information on working with families, including the use of on-site coaching, for guided practice in interactive literacy activities

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Fees and Charges

Fees for participation shall be assessed and collected in accordance with the fee schedule established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Education Code 8239, 8263)
(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

Children shall be eligible for subsidized services as follows:

1. Children shall be eligible for subsidized preschool services if their family is a current aid recipient, income eligible, or homeless and/or the family's children are recipients of protective services or have been identified as being, or at risk of being, abused, neglected, or exploited. (Education Code 8235, 8263, 8263.1)

2. Children shall be eligible for subsidized wraparound services if their family meets at least one of the criteria specified in item #1 above and/or needs child care services because of either of the following circumstances: (Education Code 8239, 8263)

a. The child is identified by a legal, medical, or social services agency or emergency shelter as a recipient of protective services or as being, or at risk of being, neglected, abused, or exploited.

b. The parents/guardians are engaged in vocational training leading directly to a recognized trade, paraprofession, or profession; are employed or seeking employment; are seeking permanent housing for family stability; or are incapacitated.

The district shall involve parents/guardians in the decision-making process to determine whether and how much to charge for field trip expenses and whether to require parents/guardians to provide diapers. A child shall not be denied participation in a field trip due to the parent/guardian's inability or refusal to pay the fee, and no adverse action shall be taken against a parent/guardian for that inability or refusal. (Education Code 8263)

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
22 CCR 101151-101191	Licensing and application procedures
22 CCR 101151-101239.2	<u>General requirements; licensed child care centers</u>
22 CCR 101212-101231	<u>Continuing requirements</u>
22 CCR 101237-101239.2	<u>Facilities and equipment</u>
5 CCR 14001-14036	School housing
5 CCR 17700-17833	California State Preschool Program
5 CCR 17701-17711	General Program Requirements
5 CCR 17746-17748	Enrollment priorities
5 CCR 18295	Waiver of qualifications for site supervisor
5 CCR 4600-4670	Uniform complaint procedures
5 CCR 4690-4694	Complaints regarding health and safety issues in license-exempt preschool programs
5 CCR 80105-80125	Commission on Teacher Credentialing; child care and development permits
Ed. Code 17375	California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten, and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program

State	Description
Ed. Code 44065	Issuance of and functions requiring credentials
Ed. Code 44256	Authorization for teaching credentials
Ed. Code 48000	Transitional kindergarten
Ed. Code 48985	Notices to parents in language other than English
Ed. Code 8200-8340	California State Preschool Program
Ed. Code 8203.5	Contracts to provide preschool services
Ed. Code 8205	Definitions
Ed. Code 8207	California State Preschool Program administration
Ed. Code 8208	Eligibility of three- or four-year-old child for state preschool program
Ed. Code 8209	Physical examination and immunizations
Ed. Code 8210	Priority for part-day programs
Ed. Code 8211	Priority for full-day programs
Ed. Code 8212	Complaints related to preschool health and safety issues
Ed. Code 8213	Income eligible; definition
Ed. Code 8214	Order of disenrollment
Ed. Code 8217	Enrollment of three- and four-year-old children in state preschool programs
Ed. Code 8220-8221	Family literacy services
Ed. Code 8241	Staffing ratios for center-based program
Ed. Code 8252-8254	Early childhood education family fees
Ed. Code 8298	Program director qualifications
Ed. Code 8322	California Prekindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program
Ed. Code 8489-8489.1	Expulsion and Suspension Procedures
H&S Code 120325-120380	Immunization against communicable diseases
H&S Code 1596.70-1596.895	California Child Day Care Act
H&S Code 1596.90-1597.21	Day care centers
W&I Code 10207-10215	General provisions
W&I Code 10207-10490	Child Care and Development Services Act
W&I Code 10217-10224.5	Resource and referral programs

State	Description
W&I Code 10225-10234	Alternative payment programs
W&I Code 10235-10238	Migrant child care and development programs
W&I Code 10240-10243	General child care and development programs
W&I Code 10250-10252	Family child care home education networks
W&I Code 10260-10263	Child care and development services for children with special needs
W&I Code 10480-10487	Local planning councils

Federal	Description
20 USC 1400-1482	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
20 USC 6311-6322	Title I, relative to preschool
20 USC 6391-6399	Education of migratory children
42 USC 9831-9852c	Head Start programs
42 USC 9857-9858r	Child Care and Development Block Grant
45 CFR 1301.1-1305.2	Head Start

Management Resources	Description
California Department of Education Publication	Preschool English Learners: Principles and Practices to Promote Language, Literacy, and Learning, 2nd ed., 2009
California Department of Education Publication	Prekindergarten Learning Development Guidelines, 2000
California Department of Education Publication	First Class: A Guide for Early Primary Education, 1999
California Department of Education Publication	California Preschool Learning Foundations
California Department of Education Publication	Dream Big for Our Youngest Children: Final Report of the California Early Learning Quality Improvement System Advisory Committee, 2010
California Department of Education Publication	First Class: A Guide for Early Primary Education, 1999
CSBA Publication	What Boards of Education Can Do About Kindergarten Readiness, Governance Brief, May 2016
U.S. Department of Education Publication	Good Start, Grow Smart, April 2002
U.S. Department of Education Publication	Policy Statement on Expulsion and Suspension Policies in Early Childhood Settings, 2016

Management Resources	Description
Website	<u>CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</u>
Website	<u>National Institute for Early Education Research</u>
Website	<u>California Head Start Association</u>
Website	<u>California Preschool Instructional Network</u>
Website	<u>Child Development Policy Institute</u>
Website	<u>California Association for the Education of Young Children</u>
Website	<u>First 5 California</u>
Website	<u>California Department of Social Services</u>
Website	<u>California County Superintendents Educational Services Association</u>
Website	<u>Cities Counties and Schools Partnership</u>
Website	<u>CSBA</u>
Website	<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>
Website	<u>California Department of Education</u>

Cross References

Code	Description
0415	<u>Equity</u>
0470	<u>COVID-19 Mitigation Plan</u>
0500	<u>Accountability</u>
1240	<u>Volunteer Assistance</u>
1240	<u>Volunteer Assistance</u>
1312.3	<u>Uniform Complaint Procedures</u>
1312.3	<u>Uniform Complaint Procedures</u>
1330	<u>Use Of School Facilities</u>
1330	<u>Use Of School Facilities</u>
1330-E PDF(1)	<u>Use Of School Facilities</u>
1340	<u>Access To District Records</u>
1340	<u>Access To District Records</u>
1400	<u>Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies And The Schools</u>

Code	Description
1700	<u>Relations Between Private Industry And The Schools</u>
3260	<u>Fees And Charges</u>
3260	<u>Fees And Charges</u>
3280	<u>Sale Or Lease Of District-Owned Real Property</u>
3523	<u>Electronic Signatures</u>
3523	<u>Electronic Signatures</u>
3541	<u>Transportation Routes And Services</u>
3550	<u>Food Service/Child Nutrition Program</u>
3550	<u>Food Service/Child Nutrition Program</u>
3580	<u>District Records</u>
3580	<u>District Records</u>
4112	<u>Appointment And Conditions Of Employment</u>
4112.4	<u>Health Examinations</u>
4112.5	<u>Criminal Record Check</u>
4112.5-E PDF(1)	<u>Criminal Record Check</u>
4112.6	<u>Personnel Files</u>
4131	<u>Staff Development</u>
4212.4	<u>Health Examinations</u>
4212.5	<u>Criminal Record Check</u>
4212.5-E PDF(1)	<u>Criminal Record Check</u>
4212.6	<u>Personnel Files</u>
4222	<u>Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals</u>
4222	<u>Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals</u>
4231	<u>Staff Development</u>
4312.4	<u>Health Examinations</u>
4312.5	<u>Criminal Record Check</u>
4312.5-E PDF(1)	<u>Criminal Record Check</u>
4312.6	<u>Personnel Files</u>
4331	<u>Staff Development</u>
5020	<u>Parent Rights And Responsibilities</u>

Code	Description
5020	<u>Parent Rights And Responsibilities</u>
5030	<u>Student Wellness</u>
5030	<u>Student Wellness</u>
5030-E PDF(1)	<u>Student Wellness</u>
5111	<u>Admission</u>
5111	<u>Admission</u>
5125	<u>Student Records</u>
5125	<u>Student Records</u>
5141.23	<u>Asthma Management</u>
5141.23	<u>Asthma Management</u>
5141.23-E PDF(1)	<u>Asthma Management - Infectious Disease Prevention</u>
5141.26	<u>Tuberculosis Testing</u>
5141.31	<u>Immunizations</u>
5141.31	<u>Immunizations</u>
5141.6	<u>School Health Services</u>
5141.6	<u>School Health Services</u>
5144.1	<u>Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process</u>
5144.1	<u>Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process</u>
5145.6	<u>Parent/Guardian Notifications</u>
5145.6-E PDF(2)	<u>Parent/Guardian Notifications</u>
5148	<u>Child Care And Development</u>
5148	<u>Child Care And Development</u>
6011	<u>Academic Standards</u>
6020	<u>Parent Involvement</u>
6020	<u>Parent Involvement</u>
6159	<u>Individualized Education Program</u>
6159	<u>Individualized Education Program</u>
6164.4	<u>Identification And Evaluation Of Individuals For Special Education</u>
6164.4	<u>Identification And Evaluation Of Individuals For Special Education</u>

Code	Description
6171	<u>Title I Programs</u>
6171	<u>Title I Programs</u>
6173	<u>Education For Homeless Children</u>
6173	<u>Education For Homeless Children</u>
6173-E PDF(1)	<u>Education For Homeless Children</u>
6173.1	<u>Education For Foster Youth</u>
6173.1	<u>Education For Foster Youth</u>
6173.2	<u>Education Of Children Of Military Families</u>
6173.2	<u>Education Of Children Of Military Families</u>
6174	<u>Education For English Learners</u>
6174	<u>Education For English Learners</u>
6175	<u>Migrant Education Program</u>
6175	<u>Migrant Education Program</u>
6200	<u>Adult Education</u>
6200	<u>Adult Education</u>
7110	<u>Facilities Master Plan</u>
7210	<u>Facilities Financing</u>